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## VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND

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(Continued)

JOHN LANIER

Will dat. 27 Jan 1649 My wife Ellinor Lanier to be ex'trix in whatsoever is due to me either in the Exchequer or the Great Wardrobe or the Treasury Chamber. She to have disposing of my children. Witnesses: Edw. Maylard, John Roberts. Prob. 28 Aug. 1650 by Eleanor L. relict & extrix.

*Pembroke, 135.*

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ELINOR LANIERE relict or widow of John L., of London, late dec.

Will dat. 23 Apr 1652. To be bur'd in St Giles' churchyard where my late husband was. To my son John L. ring etc., his father's picture & all his books. To my dau'r. Frances, silver porringer etc., moneys at my present chambers. To my dau'r. Elizabeth, Spanish silver dish etc. Whereas there is due to me from Mr. Thomas Harris for so much goods of mine as he hath now in his hands, £70, same to my dau'r. Frances for maintenance of my younger dau'r. Elizabeth. To my mother my deathshead ring. Whereas there is an estate fallen to me by death of my kinsman Mr. John Woodburne, which is yet in dispute, what is due to go between my three children John, Frances & Elizabeth, And whereas my late husband Jo. L, left me his executrix & bequeathed me his whole estate & several sums still due, same to sd. three children equally, John & Elizabeth being under 18 & unmarried. My son in law

Thomas Hubbard to be ex'or & Mr. Ambrose Jennings, of London, merchant, to be overseer. Witnesses: Will. Lullingden, Richard Seaman Prob. 22 July 1652 by Thomas Hubbard, the ex'or. *Bowyer*, 150.

[In this Magazine XXV, 407 &c, XXVI, 321 &c, a kinship was traced between Thomas Jefferson and John Lilburne, the ardent defender of popular rights in England in the Seventeenth century. It would be as interesting a study in heredity if the descent of Sydney Lanier could be traced from the family of the name who, as composers, musicians and artists, were in the service of the English court from the time of Henry VIII through the reign of Charles II.

The emigrant ancestor of the Virginia family (Sydney Lanier's ancestor) was John Lanier, who lived in what is now Prince George County in 1676. He died in 1717 leaving four sons, Nicholas, Sampson, John and Robert. It will be seen that Nicholas was a favorite name among the English Laniers. There is a short account of the Virginia family in the *William & Mary Quarterly* XV, 77-79.

The Laniers in England are stated in the *Dictionary of National Biography*, to have been of French origin. John Lanier, who died in 1572 is referred to, in 1577, as having been a musician and a native of Rouen, France. He owned property in Crutched Friars, parish of St. Olave, Hart Street, London. He was probably father of "John Lanyer, musician to her Matie". This John Lanyer or Lanier, married, Oct. 12, 1585, at the Church of the Holy Minorities, London, Frances, daughter of Marc Anthony Galliaro, who had served as musician to Henry VIII and his three successors.

The most distinguished of the family, Nicholas, son of John Lanier just referred to, was baptized at the Holy Minorities, London, Sept. 10, 1588. He became a musician in the royal household and in 1604 was "musician of the flutes". He held, subsequently, a high position among the royal musicians, both as a composer and performer. Among other music he composed that for Ben Jonson's masques; "Lovers Made Men" (1617), and "The Vision of Delights", as well as painting the scenery for the latter. At the accession of James I he was made Master of the Music, with a pension of £200 a year. He was also a painter and skilled amateur of works of art. In 1625 he was sent abroad by Charles I, to purchase pictures and statues, and is considered to have been the first, with the exception of Thomas, Earl of Arundel, to appreciate the worth of drawings and sketches by the great masters. With the outbreak of the Civil War the fortunes of the family declined, and Nicholas Lanier followed the Stuarts into exile. At the Restoration he was restored to his office and died Feb. 1665-6.

Another Nicholas Lanier, probably uncle to the preceding, was musician to Queen Elizabeth in 1581 &c. He owned considerable property in East Greenwich, Blackheath and the neighborhood. He had four daughters and six sons, John (died 1650), Alphonso (d. 1613), Innocent (d. 1615), Jerome (d. 1657), Clement (d. 1661) and Andrea (d. 1659). All of these were musicians in the service of the crown and some of their children succeeded to their posts.

The will of Nicholas Lanyer, gent., gave his lands &c. to his wife Lucrece, and 12 d. apiece to his sons named. Mrs. Lucretia Lanier was buried at Greenwich, May 31, 1634.

Another Nicholas Lanier, probably a cousin of the musician and painter, was born in 1568 and published two volumes of etchings. He was probably the person of the name buried at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Nov. 4, 1646.

It is possible that the John Lanier, named in the wills above, was the emigrant to Virginia.]

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DEBORA FLEETE, of Westminster, widow.

Will dat. 27 Mar. 1651. All goods to my cousins Sir Robert Filmer & Sir Edward Filmer, both of East Sutton, Kent, knights, & they to be ex'ors, towards payment of such sums as sd. Sir R. Filmer lent me & my son Henry Fleete towards the recovering of my sd. son of a great sickness & for furnishing him with provisions & necessaries for his last voyage to Virginia. Witnesses: Henry Frenoham, Thomas Davy. Prob. 23 Jan. 1651[-2] by Sir Robert Filmer, knight, one of the ex'ors. Power reserved for Sir Edward Filmer, knight etc other ex'or. *Bowyer*, 5.

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DOROTHIE SCOTT of London, spinster.

Will dat. 5 Mar. 1632(-3) 8 Car. I. To my brother Thomas S. esq. a silver spoon. To my friend Mrs Elizabeth Grovenor, widow, with whom I now sojourn, £5. To her dau'r. Elizabeth G. £3. Rest of goods to my sister Deborah Fleete (and she to be) ex'trix. My friend Sir Robert Phillmer, knight, to be overseer. Witnes: Thomas Dutton, Scrivener.

Prob. 29 June 1650 by Deborah Fleete, the ex'trix.

*Pembroke*, 100.

[Debora Fleete and Dorothe Scott were daughters of Charles Scott, of Egerton, Kent, (and his wife Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Wyatt, of Allington Castle) and granddaughters of Sir Reginald Scott, of Scotts Hall, Kent. Debora married William Fleet, gent., of Chartham, Kent, a member of the Virginia Company, and had (with several other sons and daughters, some of whom emigrated to Maryland) a son Henry, born 1595-1600, died about 1661, who emigrated to Virginia and became a very prominent man in that

colony and in Maryland. For notices of him and his descendants, see this Magazine II, 70-76, and V, 253-254.

The people to whom the Fleets were related form another of those groups of Kentish kinsfolk so closely associated with the colony of Virginia. Charles Scott, of Egerton, had a sister, Mary, who married Richard Argall, of East Sutton, Kent, and was the mother of Captain (afterwards Sir) Samuel Argall, Governor of Virginia, and of Elizabeth Argall, who married Sir Edward Filmer, of East Sutton. Lady Filmer was, in turn, the mother of Henry Filmer, who emigrated to Virginia, and of Sir Robert and Sir Edward Filmer, named in Debora Fleet's will. Jane Wyatt, wife of Charles Scott, was aunt of Sir Francis Wyatt, Governor of Virginia, and of Rev. Hawte Wyatt, minister at Jamestown. George Wyatt, brother of Jane (Wyatt) Scott married Jane Finch, who was aunt of Henry Finch, who emigrated to Virginia, and was member of the Council, 1630 &c. The paternal grandmother of Henry Fleet, the emigrant, Katherine (Honeywood) Fleet, was aunt of Col. (afterwards Sir) Philip Honeywood, one of the Royalist officers, who took refuge in Virginia in 1649.]

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SIR EUSEBY ISHAM. "A note of such debts as I require my wife to pay". To my brother Tipping £5. To my cosin William Downall 42s. To Robert Lade of Cransby £10. To my son John Isham my sorrel mare. To Mr. (sic) Barbon so much money as she will say I ought to pay her. To Saxby the man that dwelled in my grounds £10. 4s. od. To my son Euseby Isham "as you can" £66. 13s. 4d. To my sons William and Thomas I refer them to yourself. To the servants with you a year's wages. To Richard Berry 60s. To Steynes for a horse £4. 10s. od. To my man Barber if he go away 40s. To poor of Picheley £5. Small debts which I cannot call to mind I pray you see paid. Witnesses: Feargod Barbon, Ha. Kinnesman. Memorandum that I Harold Kymesman of Picheley gent wished by Sir Euseby Isham, knight, on 7th June last to write the particulars specified as he spoke it which I did in his presence. He desired that his wife should see legacies paid . . . his sickness being such and he so short taken he could not do more neither was he desirous to the articles on Feargod Barbon subscribed as a witness, And to this I will depose Sir Euseby said he could not live long and his wife should have all. Anne should have all. 27 July 1626 emat com to Lady Ann Isham. relict of Sir Euseby Isham, Militis. 1st

January 1627 em't com' to Thomas Isham fil. nat. et ltrno. etc. *Hele*, 100.

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DAME ANNE ISHAM, late wife of Sir Euseby Isham of Pitchley county Northampton, Knight. Will 3 December 1627; proved 1st January 1627. Body to chancel at Pitchley. To my son Euseby Isham £150. To my son William Isham £200. To Euseby Isham son of said William £100. To said son Euseby Isham my Cabbinnett. To Susan his wife my gilt cups. My border of Goldsmiths work to Mary wife of my son William. To my daughter Mary wife of Sir Fleetwood Dormer knight, two geldings. To my daughter Susan wife of Thomas Threlfall pearl chain and 20 marks. £100 which I owe to Euseby Glover my grandchild to be paid to him. To Susan Isham my gentlewoman £10. To each of my servants 4 marks. To poor of Pitchley £5. Residue of my goods to my youngest son Thomas Isham sole executor. I not meddling with goods left by my late husband Sir Euseby Isham to my eldest son John Isham deceased. Witnesses: Ri: Houselepp, Saml Garthwaite. *Barrington*, 4.

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JOHN ISHAM of Braunston, county Northampton, Esquier. Will 29 September 1624; proved 4 May 1627. Sir Eusebie Isham my father and Thomas Isham my brother executors. To Thomas Isham said brother lease of the parsonage in Braunston and tithes belonging. To Ann Lane my daughter £10. To Blaise Adams for his pains £10 and all my wearing apparel. To William Eare my servant £20. To Robert Tymes £10. To John Allen my servant £6. 13s. 4d. To poor of Braunston £10. To poor of Vichley [Pitchley?] £5. Residue of my goods to my executors. Witnesses: Wm. Southam, Thos. Makepeace, Richd Cooke, John Clarke, Blaise Adams. Codicil 8 December 1626. As the said Sir Eusebie my late father is deceased I now appoint my said brother Thomas sole executor to whom all benefit of my goods. I have given into the hands of Thomas Makepeace, William Southam, Rob-

ert Foster and Henry Bree four ancient copyholders of my Manor of Braunston £20 to be lent from year to year to three of the poorest copyholders of my said Manor at 8% said profit and increase to be distributed amongst six poor widows of the town of Braunston. My executor shall provide one treble bell tunable to the four bells already in the Church. To my cosen Gregory Isham 4 milk beasts. To my brother in law Thomas Threlfall 30 hoggerells, my stone horse and 7 cows. To Hanna my maid a cow. To Robert Tymes my sorrell mare and apparel. To my servant John Allen my grey Nagg and apparel. To Isaac Moule 20s. To Zephania Southam 2 ewes and my horse Geers. To Martha Burrowes one ewe for watching with me. Witnesses: Gregory Isham, This Threlfall, John Allen, Robt Tymmes. *Skymer*, 52.

[The wills given above are those of Sir Euseby Isham, of Pytchley, (b. Feb. 26, 1552, d. June 11, 1626), grandfather of Henry Isham, the emigrant to Virginia; of Anne, daughter of John Borlase, of Marlowe, Co. Bucks., wife of Sir Euseby, and of their son John, an uncle of the emigrant. It will be noted that the famous Praisegod Barbon or Barebones, was a witness to Sir Euseby's will. For other Isham wills and notes on the family, see this Magazine IV, 123-124 and XVIII, 85-87.]

(To be continued)